

# PHOTO ALBUM





HERE WE GO AGAIN—Garretson teacher William Friesen arranges his bulletin board in preparation for the opening of school Monday. American history, with emphasis on the bicentennial, will be one of the subjects studied by Friesen's fifth grade class.

## Odds and Sods From the Staff

Diets were a natural subject of discussion at the calorie-laden luncheon given for teachers at Garretson School by the PTA. Pat Robertson was overheard saying that the weight she had gained with her first child was understandable. What she **COULDN'T** understand was the 20 pounds she gained with the second. That one was adopted.

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## Halloween carnival at Garretson tomorrow

CORONA — The annual Garretson Elementary School PTA Halloween Carnival will be held this year during the day for the first time.

Scheduled for tomorrow from noon to 4 p.m., the carnival is open to the public, according to Arden Elder, one of the general co-chairmen.

Mrs. Arden said that there are several new and different attractions this year. PTA members have made an eight-foot cardboard clown face which will be used as the entrance to the carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, PTA publicity co-chairmen, have created a simulated glass panel which distorts faces and figures.

Another new attraction is a cardboard mock-up of headless carnival-type people including a midget holding a daisy, a fat lady and a strong man. The panel will be placed in front of a mirror in order that children and adults can see themselves as carnival-type people, said Mrs. Johnson.

The afternoon will start with the traditional costume parade after which

11 game booths, the fun house and the spook house, will be opened.


Rudy Blanco, a professional Frankenstein from Colton, will be a major spook house attraction. Nancy Harvill is in charge of this section of the carnival.

LaRue Campbell and Lorraine Fyffe, general co-chairmen with Mrs. Elder, have announced that all games booths are priced at 10 cents, fun house admission is 20 cents and the admission to the spook house is 30 cents.

Bernadette Watts is chairman of an enchilada dinner that will be served by the Bi-lingual Parents Organization. The dinner hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. The price for adults is \$1 and for children under 12 50 cents.

Donuts, popcorn, sno-cones, coffee, lemonade and cotton candy will be available at the snack booth.

Helen Hoogstad, member of the carnival committee, said the game booths include a lollipop tree, penny pitch, spooky spinner, bean bag throw and many others.



An eight-foot cardboard clown face will be used as the entrance to the Garretson Elementary School Halloween Carnival. Helen Hoogstad, right, drew the face and Arden Elder is carnival general chairman.





**THE OPEN—MOUTH?**—Youngsters who visit Garretson Elementary School's annual Halloween Carnival Saturday will be greeted by this wide-open entry to the fun house, a new attraction at this year's carnival. The event will begin with a costume

parade at noon. Other attractions include 11 game booths, a spookhouse to please older children and an enchilada dinner which will be served by the Bilingual Parents organization from 2 to 4 p.m.

## Halloween events to start tomorrow

Spookhouses, parades and carnivals will highlight Halloween in Corona, as three

elementary schools plan celebrations and the YMCA "Hall of Terror" continues to provide chills for visitors.

Stallings and Garretson Elementary schools will hold their carnivals tomorrow, and the public is invited to both. The Garretson carnival will feature a spookhouse for older children and a fun house for younger ones. It will open with a costume parade at noon, and from 2 to 4 p.m. an enchilada dinner will be served by the bilingual parents organization.

At Stallings the major attraction will be game booths including a bean-bag toss, a fishing game, a lollipop tree and others. Food for sale will be hot dogs, popcorn, taco chips, homemade candy and baked goods and other carnival food. A 5 p.m. costume parade will top off festivities.

Vicentia Elementary School will celebrate on Halloween, with a 12:30 costume parade led by the Letha Raney Junior High School band, to be followed by parties for all grades.

The YMCA "Hall of Terror," located in the old Safeway building at 6th and Victoria, will be open from 7 to 10 nightly except Sunday through Halloween.

## Garretson Elementary plans Yule program

CORONA — The annual Garretson Elementary School Christmas program will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Corona Junior High School, according to Nancy Johnson, Garretson PTA publicity chairman. The public is invited.

The one-hour program will focus on the spirit of Christmas. Approximately 150 Garretson pupils will participate.

Following an introduction by the 120-voice Garretson choir, 13 musical, dancing and dramatic reading acts will be presented. The program will conclude with community caroling. Jan Becker and Dan Donlan are co-chairmen.

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**BIKE RODEO**—Timmy Whitman concentrates hard in a test of his bicycling skill, weaving between a row of cones almost as big as he is. Five-year-old Timmy, a kindergartner, passed every skill test in Garretson school's bike rodeo this morning. About 200 youngsters participated in the skill and safe-

ty-oriented event. A similar rodeo was held at Washington Elementary yesterday, and Riverview Elementary had a bike safety program today. PTA members, recreation department workers, the Corona Senior Citizens and members of Garretson's adaptive learning class helped.

# Garretson pupils get ready for annual bicycle rodeo

CORONA — Garretson Elementary School pupils are preparing for their second annual bike rodeo.

The rodeo will be sponsored by the Garretson PTA and held at the school on Jan. 25, according to co-chairmen Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson. There is no charge to the pupils.

Johnson said the purpose of the event is to test Garretson pupils on bicycle riding skills and bicycle safety rules. Each bicycle will be checked for safety features.

As an added service, the Corona Fire Department will register bicycles for \$1. Johnson said bicycle registration is not required.

The bike rodeo will get under way at 8:30 a.m. and classes will be taken,

one at a time, to the school grounds for the test of bike riding skills.

Participants in the riding skills test will be required to ride around a double dodgeball circle without going outside the lines, balance at a slow speed, at an average speed weave in and out a series of plastic cones, ride between two posts which will be placed 40 inches apart, stop on a specified spot, make a U-turn within a restricted area and ride at an average speed between two 60-foot long lines.

Johnson said parents who want further information about the bike rodeo can call the school.

Almost 200 Garretson pupils participated in the riding skills test last year and all of the 600 pupils took the safety law written test.

## Garretson PTA awards

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson were the recipients of the 1973 Honorary Service Award presented recently by the Garretson Elementary School PTA.

The Johnsons have been very active in PTA activities, spearheading Garretson's bike

rodeo both last year and this year and working especially hard for the school's annual PTA carnival.

Both have also been officers in the PTA, and Nancy Johnson is serving as publicity chairman this year.

Each PTA chapter presents one or more of the awards each year as part of its Founders' Day meeting, recognizing special contributions community members have made to youth and community.

The program at which the awards were presented also included a spelling bee, in which three sixth graders were the winners. Denise McGraw of Room 24 was first, while Marianne Hoogstad and Jeanette Ortiz, both of Room 17, were second and third respectively.

## School open house

CORONA — The Garretson Elementary School PTA will host an open house on April 22. Classrooms will be open and teachers present from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All Garretson parents are invited.





**COSMOPOLITAN KINDERGARTENERS**—Garretson School custodian Paul Miller watches as two kindergarten students practice "Los Viejitos" - The Dance of the Little Old Men - which will be part of an international dance program and pot-

luck dinner in Miller's honor Monday evening. The custodian is retiring this year after 12 years at Garretson. The school's PTA and Bi-Lingual Parents' Club are co-sponsoring the event.

## Festival to fete Paul Miller

Garretson School PTA and Bilingual Parents' Club will co-sponsor an international potluck dinner and dance festival Monday night, in honor of school custodian Paul Miller, who will retire at the end of May after 12 years of service at

Garretson. Miller has been employed the local school district for 17 years.

Festivities will begin with dinner at 6 p.m., and Garretson students will perform colorful international dances in costume throughout the evening. New

PTA officers will also be installed.

General chairman for the event is Pat Robertson, assisted by Bernadette Watts and Judith Kritz, who are in charge of food.

All parents of Garretson students are invited.

### Garretson's musicale set

Garretson School PTA will hold its annual Christmas musicale tomorrow at the Corona Junior High School multi-purpose room. The program will begin at 7 p.m., with the Garretson string ensemble, directed by Herb Ward, opening the program.

The school band and choir will conclude the program, and several classes of students will present skits and music. The band and choir are directed by Gail Barnes.

### Garretson school PTA to honor custodian

**CORONA** — The Garretson Elementary School PTA and the Bilingual Parents Club will co-sponsor an international potluck dinner and dance festival on May 13. All Garretson parents are invited.

The event will honor Paul Miller, a long-time Garretson custodian who is retiring the end of May.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and colorful dances will be performed by Garretson pupils throughout the evening, according to Nancy Johnson, PTA publicity chairman.

The 1974-75 PTA officers will be installed during the evening.

Pat Robertson is general chairman of the event, and Bernadette Watts and Judith Kritz are in charge of food.



# Corona principal heads state reading teachers

CORONA — Ruth Wilkinson, Garretson Elementary School principal, will head the relatively new statewide organization, Reading Specialists of California, for the next year.

Mrs. Wilkinson, a board member of the organization ever since it was founded in 1971, was installed as president last Friday in Fresno.

The Reading Specialists of California membership is limited to persons who teach at the elementary level, said Mrs. Wilkinson.

She said that almost every school district in the state has representatives in the organization. She said there are 1,954 elementary reading specialists in the state who teach under the state funded Miller-Unruh reading program.

"California is one of the few states that has this type of state funded program," she said.

"Reading specialists want to prevent reading problems by working with children in the first, second and third grades. Our organization has been fighting this past year for survival of the Miller-Unruh reading program," she said.

Mrs. Wilkinson said in her new capacity as president she will be attending board meetings, the annual general membership meeting and the seven zone meetings.

"At the zone level, we are hoping for better workshops for teachers, parents and aides," she said. "I really think something along the line of workshops for these people should be done at the local level, too."

She said most of the Reading Specialists of California meetings and workshops are held on weekends or evenings which will allow her to attend without being absent from her Garretson post.

Mrs. Wilkinson was a reading specialist in the Corona-Norco Unified School District before taking over her position at Garretson last year.



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## Principal is elected state prexy

Ruth Wilkinson, principal at Garretson Elementary School, has been elected president of the Reading Specialists of California. Voting was by mail, and Mrs. Wilkinson's election was announced Friday at a banquet which was part of the California Reading Association Convention in Fresno.

The 1300-member organization was started in 1971 by teachers working as reading specialists under the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act, which has funded reading specialist positions since 1965. Mrs. Wilkinson served as a member of the board of directors for the Reading Specialists of California from the group's beginning.

As president, Mrs. Wilkinson will be working with the members and directors to try to push legislation which will insure continuation of reading specialist programs in California schools. Presently, the Miller-Unruh funds are scheduled to be absorbed in the Early Childhood Education Program, now in pilotstages, and Mrs. Wilkinson believes that without specific funding for reading specialists, "there will be no reading specialists."

## Bicentennial event Thursday at school

CORONA — Community members and bicentennial leaders will join school students and staff at Garretson School, 1650 Garretson Ave. Thursday at 10:30 a.m. to "sign scrolls . . . rededicating allegiance to the Constitution." The public is invited.

The signed scrolls are to be picked up by a Bicentennial covered wagon in the McKinley Street area Dec. 7, according to a school spokeswoman.

Festivities Thursday will include music by the Corona Senior High School Band



**SCROLL 'SIGNING**—Corona Mayor Ira Calvert kicked off the official signing of the bicentennial scrolls today at Garretson Elementary School. Looking on is student, Jeneane Robertson, the first student to sign the scroll which will be put aboard a

bicentennial wagon train pilgrimage to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Local residents will be able to see California's covered wagon on Sunday, Dec. 7, at the World Farm Foundation Ranch.



## PTA turns back the clock

To offer a taste of the "olden days" Garretson PTA will sponsor an Old-fashioned Day from 2 to 8 p.m. tomorrow in Garretson Elementary School, Corona. The public may dress up and partake in the bicentennial celebration which will have special emphasis on children involvement through various craft demonstrations and contests. President of the PTA, Pat Robertson (left), and members Jan Becker (center) and Marilyn Walker, don appropriate attire as they make final arrangements. There will be lye soap and quilt making displays and butter churning demonstrations as well as dancing, baby doll and nail pounding contests.

## Garretson PTA will award life membership

CORONA — An honorary life membership award will be presented by the Garretson Elementary School PTA during its annual Founders' Day meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the multipurpose room.

The award is given to an individual who has contributed much to youth at the school.

The Founders' Day meeting honors the month the PTA was founded, February of 1889.





